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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING FLANGED ARTICLES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract - 23 pages.
- ☒ Drawings - 15 sheets (Figs. 1(A) - 15(B)).
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
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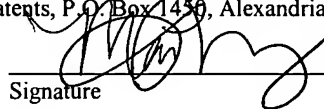
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